

Washington, DC- Congressman Harry Teague announced today that \$586,117 was awarded to the Isleta Police Department and Ramah Navajo Chapter by the Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) through the Tribal Resources Grant Program (TRGP). These grants support Native American law enforcement agencies by funding the salary and benefits of additional sworn officers as well as equipment needed by law enforcement to increase crime data collection and efficiency. The total grant amount for New Mexico's Tribes is \$1,254,052.

"Many of our local tribes have limited resources and, in turn, experience higher rates of crime and violence," said Congressman Harry Teague. "The grants announced today for our Native American communities will go a long way in enhancing law enforcement operations and keeping our communities safe."

The Isleta Police Department, awarded \$308,494, will utilize the funding to purchase new crime fighting technology systems and basic equipment items including uniforms and police vehicles. Funding may also be used for basic and specialized police training at a state academy or at the Indian Police Academy at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Artesia. In addition to \$169,100 in equipment and training monies, the Ramah Navajo Chapter Department of Law Enforcement received \$108,523 to be put toward the salary and benefits of an additional officer for the next 3 years.

The breakdown of funds for New Mexico by entity is as follows:

Isleta Police Department - \$308,494

Jemez, Pueblo of - \$134,230

Jemez, Pueblo of - \$155,308

Jicarilla Apache Tribe - \$378,397

Ramah Navajo Chapter - \$169,100

Ramah Navajo Chapter Department of Law Enforcement - \$108,523

New Mexico Total: \$1,254,052